



# OUTREACH NOTICE OUTREACH NOTICE



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**USDA FOREST SERVICE  
INTERMOUNTAIN REGION, R-4  
Boise National Forest  
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The Boise National Forest will be requesting a referral list on or after November 9th, 2009 to fill one Fuels Specialist position GS-0462-8/9.

Interested applicants should submit an application to the Open Continuous Recruitment (OCR) announcement **PERM-OCR-462-8/9-FUEL- DP (Demo) and/or PERM-OCR-462-8/9-FUEL-G (Merit)** posted on <http://www.usajobs.gov/>

### **About the Position**

The Boise N.F. maintains Fuels programs for 2 zones across the forest including the north zone (Cascade, Emmett, and Lowman) and the south zone (Mountain Home and Idaho City). The advertised position is for the **Idaho City Ranger District** on the south zone of the forest.

### **Major Duties:**

Assists in planning, implementing and coordinating all aspects of the prescribed fire and fuels management program. Provides assistance in program direction, short- and long-range planning; budgeting; and managing wild fire for resource benefit, fuels management, and prescribe fire programs. Formulates and develops plans, budgets, and schedules for fire management operations. Position includes researching the effects and behavior of prescribed fire to assist in the development of short-term fire management objectives and strategies. Evaluates prescription treatments, monitoring methods, and new technologies and makes refinements as appropriate to improve the organization's effectiveness. Duties include reviews and comments, when necessary, on all sections of the Fire Management Plan that pertain to prescribed fire and fuels treatments.

Develops and recommends plans to perform a wide variety of limited operational projects, such as evaluating existing or developing new regional or forest-wide plans for fuels management programs. Applicable methods and techniques contain gaps, deviations, or differences that must be critically examined prior to conducting the full project. Uses input from the interdisciplinary team, annual objectives, and management direction to develop and recommend schedule of treatment. Plans, conducts surveys and evaluates data to develop prescriptions for prescribed fire and wild fire for resource benefit. Reviews project plans and makes recommendations on appropriate levels of monitoring. Establishes study plots to assess fire and fire suppression impacts on the ecosystem. Develops and refines plot characteristics, frequency of visits, subjects to be measured, and data storage and analysis techniques. Plans and conducts project assessments which determine the presence or absence of hazardous wild land fuels. Information on fuel conditions and predictions of fire behavior are

collected through a variety of methods, including field surveys, computer modeling, and specific literature searches. Results are used in the determination and prioritization of prescribed fire and mechanical treatment projects. Reviews alternatives and prepares a wide variety of prescribed fire/fuels management plans following the interagency template. Creates, updates, and uses a database to model and analyze fire behavior and fire effects observation data. Ensures data quality and proper data storage and archival procedures are followed. NEPA skills are preferable but not required.

Implements and administers technical aspects of the prescribed fire/fuels plan, ensuring that preparation, ignition, holding, mop-up, and rehabilitation are completed to the standards specified and in accordance with regulations, policies, and guidelines. Monitors fire behavior, evaluates fire effects, identifies potential problems and makes recommendations. Applicable methods and techniques for addressing safety issues contain gaps, deviations, or differences that must be critically examined prior to implementing full solutions. Conducts fuels management surveys to document presence, amount, and types of hazardous fuels. Utilizes this information to prioritize prescribed fire and fuels management projects. Conducts field reconnaissance of prescribed fire/fuels treatment units, summarizes field findings and makes recommendations on appropriate prescriptive criteria for meeting program objectives. Responsible for record keeping associated with burn planning, fire occurrence reporting, and weather. Identifies and provides for training needs to support prescribed fire and fuels management programs. Participates in wild land fire and safety training in the techniques, practices, and methods of fire suppression and in the safe, efficient operation and use of tools, equipment, and vehicles used in fire suppression activities, with emphasis on those used for the particular function assigned. Duties include participating in preparedness reviews, proficiency checks and drills, safety sessions, and after action reviews. Ensures own and other's welfare and safety in all aspects of the assignment. The position supports wild land fire suppression activities. A valid driver's license is necessary to operate a variety of motor vehicles to transport equipment, supplies, crew members, etc. Position also requires the use of specialized firing equipment such as drip torch, Terra torch, helitorch, and aerial ignition dispensers.

### **FS-FPM**

This position has been identified as a Sub-Unit Prescribed Fire and Fuels Specialist position in the Forest Service Fire Program Management Standard (FS-FPM), and is subject to minimum qualification standards (MQS) requirements that started on October 1, 2008. The MQS for this position are RXB2 and ENGB or CRWB (currency required). Applicants may be hired into the position prior to the FS-FPM implementation deadline with less than the required minimum qualification standards, however the incumbent must attain these standards by Oct 1, 2013. For additional information on FS-FPM, see the Forest Service SPD Crosswalk, page 7, located at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/management/ifpm/crosswalk.pdf>

These positions are covered as a Secondary Firefighter Position under 5 USC 8336 (c) CSRS and 5 USC 8412 (d) FERS.

## ***COMMUNITY INFORMATION***

**Idaho City:** The Idaho City Ranger District office is located in Idaho City, approximately 38 miles northeast of Boise along Hwy 21. Idaho City is a small community, comprised of approximately 400 year-round residents. Idaho City is also the seat of Boise County and most Boise County offices are located in town. Idaho City enjoys warm and dry climate during the summer and fall months with daily highs averaging between 80 to 90 degrees, and nightly lows from 35 to 50 degrees. The climate in the winter is ideal for winter sports, with low temperatures averaging between 0 and 15 degrees with occasional sub-zero overnight readings. Three feet or more cumulative snowfall in Idaho City is common.

Basic amenities are available in Idaho City such as two small grocery stores, restaurants, bars, gas station, post office, and health clinic. For additional shopping and entertainment, most residents make the 45 mile trip into Boise, the closest city to Idaho City. Kindergarten through High School education is present in Idaho City.

**Boise:** Boise is a full-service community. The Boise metropolitan area's economy is strong with many dual career opportunities, including a wide variety of federal agencies within easy driving distance, and many private sector job opportunities. The cost of living is slightly below the national average, though real-estate has been steadily increasing in the last few years. There are several institutions of higher learning in the area, including Boise State University. Health care facilities and churches are widely available. Entertainment opportunities abound in Boise and the metropolitan area, with a wide array of restaurants, dinner theaters, museums, and sports-and-music venues. Additional information can be found on the Boise Chamber of Commerce website (<http://www.boisechamber.org/relo/index.htm>).

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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